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SUBJECT: DR JOHN HARDT VOLSPKR

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1. POST IS DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF DR HARDT'S AVAILABILITY.
THE U.S. ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING MAY TAKE PLACE
IN JUNE, AND WE FEEL HARDT'S VISIT HERE WILL SERVE AS A HIGHLY
USEFUL COMPLEMENT TO THAT GATHERING.

2. WE WOULD PREFER THAT DR HARDT ARRIVE JULY 8 FOR PROGRAMS ON JULY 9, 12 AND 13. OUR TENTATIVE PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOLLOW: SHORT AND INFORMAL SEMINAR ON U.S.-ROMANIAN TRADE; A LECTURE IN THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ON "PROSPECTS FOR EAST-WEST TRADE" AND DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS FROM GOR PLANNING COMMISSION. MINISTRIES OF FINANCE AND FOREIGN TRADE, BANK OF FOREIGN TRADE, ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES AND GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (ROMANIAN LEGISLATURE) ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. CONCERNING SEMINAR, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT DR HARDT AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DICK SCISSORS PARTICIPATE FROM THE U.S. SIDE, WITH GHEORGHE DOLGU, RECTOR OF THE ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES, AND A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE MFT REPRESENTING THE ROMANIANS. APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD ACCOMPANY DR HARDT ON ALL CALLS. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, WE WOULD PLAN THREE OR FOUR SOCIAL EVENTS DURING DR HARDT'S VISIT SO THAT HE CAN TALK WITH HIS ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS ON MORE INFORMAL BASIS. WE ALSO HOPE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGE PRESS INTERVIEWS WITH ROMANIA'S LEADING ECONOMIC JOURNAL

AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS WEEKLY DURING DR HARDT'S VISIT.

- 3. THE ABOVE ARE OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS. WE KNOW THAT DR HARDT HAS DEALT WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS BEFORE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DURING HIS STAY.
- 4. CAN AGENCY QUERY DR HARDT TO FIND OUT WHICH OF HIS RECENT PUBLICATIONS MIGHT SERVE AS USEFUL BACKGROUND AND PRESENTATION ITEMS FOR ROMANIAN OFFICIALS HE WILL MEET?
- 5. WILL ADVISE BY SEPTEL RE REQUESTS FOR VTRS WE HOPE TO PRESENT AT SEMINAR.
- $6.\ \mathrm{MUCH}$ APPRECIATE AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING DR HARDT'S PROGRAM. VIETS

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